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Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29
Columbia, TENN
Sunday, November 11, 2007

<u>Announcement</u>

Nominations for Camp officers will be made on at the upcoming camp meeting which will be held on November 20th, 2007. <u>ALL</u> positions will be open for 2008. Commander, Kenneth Lovett cannot serve another term since is two year term limit is up and Adjutant, Jack Taylor is retiring from duties as Adjutant after six years of service to the camp. If you intend on running for a position in the camp, please let it be known! Elections will be held in December.

The following individuals are considered in arrears and <u>may not</u> run for office or be nominated for office:

DUBOIS, J SR. DUBOIS, J ESKEW, J GARLAND, T HALL, A LUMPKINS, R MCELROY, R MCKEE, E.G. MCKEE, K PARKER, A PARKER, S PURTLE, D.A. PURTLE, S.Z. ROBERSON, J.C. ROBERSON, W.H. SLOAN, J WILKES, R

Members in arrears must Remit 42 dollars made payable to "Sam Watkins Camp 29" and mail to Sam Watkins Camp c/o 701 Sugar Bend Drive Columbia, TN 38401-6001

ALABAMA CONFEDERATE WAR MONUMENT DEFACED! 11/14/07—Associated Press

Alabama's Confederate War Monument on the north side of the state Capitol grounds was recently vandalized. State Capitol Police said someone smeared black paint on soldier statues while numbers and letters were painted on other stone figures.

Historians said it took artists 40 years to build the monument and it was placed on the Capitol grounds 121 years ago. The state Historical Commission recently spent \$200,000 to restore the statues.

Its unclear how much it will cost to clean up the damaged monument.

Governor Riley said he's disgusted by the criminal act.

Authorities hope surveillance video will help them find the individual or individuals responsible. If caught, an array of charges could be filed, including criminal mischief, trespassing and destruction of public property.

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October 16th Minutes

On Tuesday Oct. 16th 2007, the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29 assembled for the tenth official meeting of the year. Brent Lokey was the guest speaker and the topic was on N.B. Forrest's travels and movements.

7:01PM- meeting called to order by Camp Commander, Kenneth Lovett. Meeting begins with prayer. Following prayer, the Camp gave the honorary salute to the Camp Confederate flag and pledge to the U.S. Flag

7:06PM—Lovett makes motion to allow camp business to be suspended to allow for guest speaker, Brent Lokey to speak—no objections.

From 7:10—8:15PM, Lokey speaks to the camp regarding Nathan Bedford Forrest and his travels during the Civil War. His book that was used as an example and guide during the talk was entitled "Riding with the Wizard of the Saddle: A guided tour of Nathan Bedford Forrest's career".

8:15PM—Commander Lovett asks that camp accept minutes from previous meeting—no objections made.

Adjutant Jack Taylor goes over camp expenses and gives an account balance of 1,646.86 dollars. Taylor goes over camp dues and iterates that time is almost up before the International late fee would take effect. Lovett makes motion that camp accept the financial report by Taylor—no objections.

Lovett invites Camp Sergeant at arms, Jason Boshers to speak on the Mt. Pleasant Bigby Grays monument re-dedication event.

Boshers goes over the event and gives a detailed report on the attendance and how well it went over with the large crowd estimated at 300+ individuals present.

Lovett reminds the camp that camp elections will be held in December and that nominations would take place in November. It was discussed that there were no voting regulations in the camp by-laws other than officers taking their seats in January. It was decided that elections in December would benefit the camp and make the transition easier. It was noted that all seats would be open and that Lovett's term was up and that Taylor was stepping down officially as Adjutant after six years of duty.

8:22PM—motion made to adjourn; meeting adjourned

Sunday, November 3, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NON-PROFIT GROUP DISCOVERS KENTUCKY COMMISSION, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, TRANSPORTATION CABINET WERENT LEGAL IN ISSUING LINCOLN SPECIALTY PLATE

\$22,500 OF TAXPAYER MONEY SPENT ON VANITYPLATES

FRANKFORT, KY, November 3rd, 2007

Its not legal, not appropriate use of public funds, and a deep insult to non-profit organizations across the Commonwealth who have worked to legally get, or even have just thought about getting, specialty plates, said Don Shelton, spokesman for the Kentucky Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. In the process of studying the procedures necessary to get a specialty plate for our non-profit, we stumbled across a plate sponsored by the Kentucky Historical Society that didnt go through the proper processes, Shelton continued.

Records show that the Kentucky Lincoln Bicentennial Commission voted \$22,500 of money the legislature budgeted to it, for use by the Kentucky Historical Society to apply for a Lincoln Bicentennial specialty license plate. The law, however, requires a minimum of 900 individual applications to accompany the overall plate application, from citizens actually planning to purchase the plates for their vehicles, along with a \$25 fee from each applicant. The Transportation Cabinet confirmed in the SCVs investigation that instead of 900 or more individual applications, there were none, and that taxpayer money was being used to cover the \$22,500 that should come from individual plate applicants. The plate is scheduled to be available in December.

Basically, it appears that the taxpayers have shelled out \$22,500 so a few people could have, in essence, vanityplates,said Shelton. The subject of the plate isn't important, he continued, It might even be a nice plate. What is important is that the law was circumvented, and taxpayer money was wasted to do it.

In the wake of this scandal, the Kentucky Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans calls for the co-chairs of the Kentucky Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Tommy Turner and State Senator Dan Kelly, and Executive Director of the Kentucky Historical Society, Kent Whitworth, to resign or be replaced. We believe these men knew the law, yet circumvented it,said Shelton. The Kentucky SCV also calls for the funding and expenditures of the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to be reviewed, in light of this irregularity, and for an investigation to see how this slipped through the Transportation Cabinet. We expect other non-profits to make the same demands as they learn about this; it affects us all, Shelton concluded.

For more information contact:

Dr. Thomas Y. Hiter, Commander, KY Div. SCV

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

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Whereas it has long been our customs to commemorate November 11, the anniversary of the ending of World War I, by paying tribute to the heroes of that tragic struggle and by rededicating ourselves to the cause of peace; and Whereas in the intervening years, the United States has been involved in two other great military conflicts, which have added millions of veterans living and dead to the honor rolls of this Nation; and

Whereas the Congress passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926 (44 Stat. 1982), calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies, and later provided in an act approved May 13, 1938 (52 Stat. 351), that the eleventh of November should be a legal holiday and should be known as Armistice Day; and

Whereas, in order to expand the significance of that commemoration and in order that a grateful Nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this Nation, the Congress, by an act approved June 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 168), changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day:

Now, Therefore, I, Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon all of our citizens to observe Thursday, November 11, 1954, as Veterans Day. On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.

I also direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all public buildings on Veterans Day.

In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose.

Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this eighth day of October in the Year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-ninth.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER[1]



An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday - - a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

SAM WATKINS CAMP LAPEL PINS! - Only \$7.50 each!

Please note that we still have camp lapel pins. For all of you that haven't purchased one or two, you really should do so. Once they are gone, it may be sometime before we do a re-order. They are only 7.50 each and are quite attractive. Furthermore, the sale of the pins benefit our camp.

These pins will be something that will forever immortalize who we are and will be something someone 100 years from now will be able to hold or see.

11/13/07

Information sent from SCV International Headquarters:

Stephen D. Lee Institute March 1, 2008: The Stephen D. Lee Institute is the SCV's new initiative to combat the preset barrage of libels against the Confederate soldier and his cause. Institutes already held in South Carolina, Texas, Georgia and Virginia have received rave reviews. The next SDI will be held in Burlington, NC, March 1st, at the Ramada Inn just off I85/40. This will be an all-day event with some of the finest scholars of Southern history presenting the truth about the War for Southern Independence. Scheduled to speak are Thomas DiLorenzo, Donald Livingston, Brian Cisco and Clyde Wilson, exploring Yankee economic exploitation, hypocrisy over slavery, war crimes and violation of the Constitution. There will also be a special presentation on "The Myth of North Carolina Unionism".

SCV Logo Decals: Once upon a time, the SCV gave a logo decal to members who renewed their memberships each year. At some point that was dropped, but a member recently suggested looking at reviving that tradition and the result is that the decals have arrived at headquarters, and will be sent to camps shortly along with their dues renewal receipts.

Year of Davis Events: The SCV has declared 2008 the "Year of Davis" to commemorate the bicentennial of his birth. There are two events that every Southerner will want to try and attend: The reopening of Beauvoir in Biloxi, Mississippi (June 3rd) and the Bicentennial celebration in Fairview, Kentucky (June 7th). To borrow reenacting parlance, these are "max effort" events for the entire SCV. More details will follow, but mark your calendars now, begin organizing your carpools, etc. You do not want to miss out on these once-in-alifetime events. events.

Nathan Bedford Forrest Seminar: November 30th, 2007. The day includes commemorations of the Battle of Franklin, and supper at Rippavilla. The whole day's cost is \$30 per person, sponsored by the Tennessee Division SCV. Speakers include Greg Biggs, Michael Bradley and Lonnie Maness. For more details email jraym@bellsouth.net

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November 11th, 1918. Germany signed the armistice officially ending the hostility known as the "Great War". That day becomeknown officially as Armistice Day. Later congress changed armistice Day to Veterans Day and every November 11th we honor the Soldiers who fought for our great nation.

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Next camp meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 20th at 7PM!